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8 September 1947

Hon. Robert A. Lovett  
Under Secretary of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lovett:

In reply to your letter of September 2  
inclosing a copy of a letter from Senator Hickenlooper,  
CIG is prepared to undertake a study of the time which  
may be required by other countries to produce an  
atomic weapon.

As soon as all the agencies have designated  
their representatives, we shall promptly call a meeting  
and proceed on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

R. H. HILLENKOETTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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September 2, 1947

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

I enclose a copy of a letter addressed by Senator E. B. Hickenlooper, Chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, and the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. Senator Hickenlooper requests that a study be undertaken by the appropriate government agencies looking to the adoption of an official estimate as to the time which may be required by other countries to enter into production of atomic weapons.

I have discussed the Senator's request with Secretary Royall and Assistant Secretary Kenney representing the Secretary of the Navy, and we have agreed to ask the Central Intelligence Group to undertake the study in question in cooperation with other departments. I have asked the Secretaries of War and of Navy to designate representatives of their departments whom you may consult in preparing the study. The representative of this Department will be Mr. Edmund A. Gallion, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary (Republic 5600, ext. 2464).

I should appreciate confirmation of your readiness to undertake this project.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Robert A. Lovett  
Acting Secretary

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Director, Central Intelligence Group

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